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Council meeting ends on light note

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

New Brockton's Town Council meeting ended on a light note Monday evening when council members became involved in a discussion about whether or not to cut off a table.

The room in which the copier is kept was recently renovated to provide office space for the rescue squad. After the renovation was completed, a work table would not fit in the room room like it once had.

There was a brief discussion whether or not the table should be modified, a new smaller table bought or the room re-arranged.

After council members surveyed the room they decided to re-arrange the copier and table to fit.

Everyone was in the majority, was satisfied with the decision.

This just goes to show that not all decisions town councils have to make are earth-shattering ones - some are just plain fun and insignificant!

Turning to more important matters, the council went through its meeting agenda in almost record time.

The payment of monthly bills to talling \$16,659,0040 was approved. It was noted that \$11,873,00 of that total was the town's annual payment to the Workman's Compensation Fund.

Police Chief Charles Driggs reported that his officers had investigated a total of 16 complaints, two traffic accidents, and had issued 12 traffic citations.

The chief also reported that the

rescue squad had responded to 6 calls while the fire department was fortunate in having only one fire alarm during the past month.

Mayor Kathryn Holley presented to the council, for their approval, a roster for the volunteer police department reserve officers, fire department, and rescue squad members.

It was decided that the baseball and softball programs are scheduled to begin on March 1st and some will be needed to get the field ready for play.

Caridine noted that in the past, Joe Simmons has been doing this at no charge to the city, but he will no longer be able to do so. The council members voted to pay him \$60 per week to perform this task from March 1 through mid-July.

"If you're going to have recreation," said Caridine, "you're going to have to put money into it."

After noting that if the city plans to pay someone to prepare the field, they should have to advertise the job or go through the employment office.

Caridine stated that he would draft a job description prior to the council's seeking applicants through the employment office.

Finally, the councilman suggested that a fire hydrant located in center of the roadway be installed located fire hydrants for the fire department.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the city would buy the markers with the fire department providing funding for half the cost. Fire Chief James Brown noted that approximately 150 markers would be required.

The council also presented the resignations of police officers Elliot King and Wesley Snodgrass to the council.

The meeting ended on a positive note when it was noted that the town, as a whole, is in great financial shape. At this time, the town is only \$31,000 in debt. Mayor Holley noted that this was the amount borrowed from the bank when the present administration took office.

Other matters acted on by the council or discussed were as follows:

It was noted that the Water Board should pay the town clerk

function in Coffee County," said

Ken Smith, Farm-City Week Committee Chairman.

In 1994, the number of individuals were fed. That number steadily increased annually and more than 1200 were fed in 1993.

Last year, the committee put a cap on the number (650) of meal tickets sold for the banquet in order to hold it to a manageable number.

Entertainment has also become a big part of the banquet as well as the special recognition of individuals from the world of business and farming.

The first Farm-City type celebra-

tion was held in 1978 when two men, Marlin Moates and Yancey Parker, recognized the need for inter-

nessmen.

Farm-City Week is a time in which city dwellers become more acquainted with what goes on down on the farm and vice versa - the farmers become more familiar with the city folk.

The event is the one single event which involves ALL Coffee Countians from the youngest to the oldest.

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COFFEE COUNTY FARM-CITY WEEK COMMITTEE

Media & corporate sponsors thanked

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you was the theme of a recognition luncheon held last Thursday by the Coffee County Farm-City Week Committee.

Representatives from the local media and sponsors for the annual Farm-City Week Committee held each year in November, gathered to say a special thank you from the committee.

The celebration has grown from a week-long event as well as has the banquet.

"The banquet is the largest meal



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Former Elba resident dies in boating accident

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A tragic boating accident Sunday afternoon took the life of a former Elba resident.

William Clifton Allen, age 53, lost his life after a boat in which he and his brother-in-law, Bob Newsome, were riding capsized.

The two men had been fishing in Warren's Bayou (Hotwater Canal) near West Bay in Panama City, FL. They had headed in around 12 noon after the waters became rough.

Reportedly, as they made their way toward land, the 14 foot aluminum boat was suddenly swamped by waves and the boat capsized. Allen and Newsome were thrown from the boat.

Allegedly, both men managed to make their way to the capsized boat and cling to it. Newsome was wearing a lifejacket, but Allen was not. There were two lifejackets in a compartment on the boat.

As the men tried to make their way toward shore clinging to the boat, the boat became tangled in a crab trap.

Unable to free the boat, Newsome decided to try swimming for shore and got out while Allen remained with the boat.

It was reported that it took Newsome approximately 3 hours to get ashore and another two hours to get help. He eventually met someone with a mobile phone who in turn notified authorities of the accident.

Newsome and authorities returned to the scene, the capsized boat had drifted ashore still tangled in the net, but Allen was nowhere around.

A search for Allen was begun and went on into the night but to no avail. Monday morning the search was continued by U.S. Coast Guard aircraft joining the search. Allen's body was sighted from the air quite some distance from where the boat was found.

Elba Rescue Squad to hold fundraiser

The Elba Volunteer Rescue Squad is having their annual fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will be a picture drive. For your donation you will receive a FREE photo session as well as a FREE 10x13 color family portrait.

The Elba Rescue Squad is an organization composed of volunteers who are trained in Pre-Hospital Emergency Treatment. These individuals volunteer their services to you without any monetary pay. The squad must rely heavily upon community donations.

The funds raised from this campaign will be used toward improving education as well as providing the community with the latest "state of the art" medical equipment.

Starting February 6, a representative will be calling on area homes and businesses. The representatives will be asking for your support for the Elba Volunteer Rescue Squad. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

For answers to any questions you may have, feel free to contact Michelle Harrison at 897-3352 or Rob in Davis at 897-5883.



MAYOR PROCLAIMS LIFE INSURANCE WEEK...for City of Elba. In signing the proclamation, Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood urged all citizens of Elba to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about their life insurance and what it can do for them especially making this the occasion to see that their insurance is so arranged as to be of utmost value to their benefit. Also present at the signing were: Dr. Danny Turner (left), who is with Mutual Savings Life Insurance Co. and is also president of the local Underwriters Association; and Juanita Blocker (right), who is with Mass Mutual Life Insurance Co. and is chairperson of the Community Services Committee of the local LUA.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

V.O.C.A.L. MEETING The Wiregrass Chapter of V.O.C.A.L. (Victims of Crime And Leniency) will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 1995. The Meeting will be held at the Coffee County Baptist Association Office located on U.S. Hwy. 84 in New Brockton, Alabama starting at 7:00 p.m. All members and victims of crime are invited to attend. For more information call 897-6896.

PENANT PRODUCERS' MEETING The Alabama Peanut Producers' Association has scheduled their 1995 annual meeting for Friday, February 10, at the New Brockton Farm Center in New Brockton. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the educational program at 10:00 a.m.

UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE RELOCATES The Alabama State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Office in Enterprise are relocating. The offices will be closed Thursday (2/9) and Friday, February 10 & 11 to make the move. They will reopen to the public on Monday, February 13, 1995 at their new location which is 2101 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. The phone number will remain the same (334) 347-0044.

WILD TURKEY BANQUET The Southeast Alabama Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation will hold its seventh annual banquet and auction on Saturday night, March 4, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ft. Rucker Officers' Club. There will be numerous wildlife prints, collectors' items, hunting guns, turkey hunting items, some surprise auction items and door prize drawings. For ticket information, contact Ted Vignola at 897-5948, Jim Ellis at 347-4289, Neal Adkison at 347-3025, or Paul Young at 347-6360.

Governor James swears in 55 new state troopers

Alabama Governor Fob James, Jr. committed themselves to the Department of Public Safety's mission of courtesy, service and protection.

After reporting to state trooper posts in various parts of Alabama, the troopers will begin an eight-week field training and evaluation program under the supervision of veteran state troopers.

Each of the new troopers completed 24 weeks of intensive training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma to prepare them for their first duty assignment in the Highway Patrol Division.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

The Census Bureau compiles enough information during the every 10 year census to keep the newspapers and magazines of America filled for the next ten years. News outlets get volumes of their info that just don't come in the trash because it would be impossible to publish all of it. However some is interesting to readers of different publications and needs to be published. We like to read many of those statistical reports, even though most are promptly forgotten. The one recently released about "A Taste of the Big Apple - Housing in New York City" didn't make the evening reading list however... it was destined for the waste basket as it came off the fax machine.

All that above was triggered by some bits of information in an agricultural summary released by the Census Bureau Monday. This report ranks the various states in dollar value of agricultural production. It will not make any of us a nickel, but here it is anyway. Right here in Coffee County, pecans and peanuts are the country's prettiest yankin' and no where near the top. California is at the top with \$7 billion in annual sales... a full ten percent of the nation's total production. Cereals and vegetables play a large part in this, but they also rank third nationally in can production. Texas sells the most cattle and the most cotton but Weld County, Colorado lead all individual counties in cattle sales with 925,210 in 1992. One county in California - Fresno - produced over \$2 billion of farm products in a single year... that is a lot of lettuce (literally!) Iowa lead in hog sales and Arkansas produced the most poultry. Culman County, Alabama made the list of counties as the second largest producer of broilers, a good bit (60%) behind Sussex County, Delaware.

The tragic drowning death of 53 year old Cliff Allen at Panama City Sunday afternoon brings home an important point. Regardless of a person's swimming ability, etc., things can happen fast, especially when on a boat in open water. Very few people who have spent much time on the water can say they haven't had some close calls. While we cry with the Allen family, we step to remind our readers to BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL.

The federal Balanced Budget amendment is coming... in some form. We saw some interesting numbers last week dealing with the federal budget. The one thing that the United States government spends more than it takes in is the deficit. That is the deficit is just about equal to the interest (the highest single item) on the borrowed money each year. In other words, if the feds did away with the interest, the spending could be at the same level it is today and there would be no over spending of income! Of course, anyone who has tried to get out of debt and stay out will testify that it is hard to do and takes more than a little self control.

We flopped on a picture recently... another in a long list during the past 3 years. This one is especially bad. A young man killed his first deer, his friends rallied around him with all the proper initiation rites, but there ain't a picture. Scott Cochran paid a big 12 point buck (he would never say exactly where) and was the envy of his peers as we went through the motions of making an after-dark photo. We equated Scott's success... we killed the film!

We have a bit of advice for all of our male readers... don't dare forget that February 14th is Valentine's Day! The world is full of horrors which unfolded after some absentee-minded male postponed too long or completely forgot to produce some token of love for that special female(s) his life.

JUSTIN LOWRY PASSES AWAY

Justin Lowry, age 11, died quietly at his home Tuesday evening after a lengthy illness. Justin had become known both far and wide for the strength and courage that he displayed during his trying times. He made friends with everybody he met and won their hearts and admiration in a very short time. Although Justin was in this world for only 11 years, he touched many, many lives and his being here made it a better place. Justin was the son of B. Frank and Chris Lowry. He had one brother, Toby.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 31 Thru FEBRUARY 6, 1995

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

River stage - 7.55 feet (7:18 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Cordelia St. (9:14 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

River stage - 7.75 feet (6:45 a.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (1:18 p.m.); Alarm at All Star Sports (4:36 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Rescue run to a residence on U. S. Hwy. 84W (12:08 a.m.); River stage - 7.50 feet (6:59 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 in the Jack Community (1:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rescue run to a residence on Hwy. 84 (2:41 a.m.); River stage - 7.05 feet (7:18 a.m.); Burglary reported on Cherry Lane (11:36 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Branson Circle (4:36 p.m.).

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

River stage - 6.95 feet (7:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in the Curtis Community (8:07 a.m.).

REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMESTOPPERS AT 897-3881 REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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The Federal Unfunded Mandates Reform Act puts in place several hurdles on congressional attempts to legislate unfunded mandates on state and local governments.

Specifically, it restricts the passing of federal unfunded mandates by calling for a review of all existing mandates; requires federal agencies to develop ways to minimize unfunded mandates and to publish a cost study of any new regulations expected to affect states, families, and the private sector more than a total of \$100 million a year; and it requires the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to prepare cost estimates of proposed mandates in upcoming legislation and whether they are funded or not.

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SOCIALS



Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Jones honored with 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The children of Ruben and Lu-
cille Jones honored their parents
with a reception on their fiftieth
wedding anniversary December 18,
at Whitewater Baptist Church.

Granddaughters Tammy and Camille
Flowers, Leigh Ann Maddox, and
Melissa Jones registered the guests
and served cake and refreshments to
a host of family and friends.

Mr. & Mrs. Ellis to celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Bertha (Harden) Ellis
will celebrate their 40th Wedding
Anniversary on February 11, 1995,
which is also her birthday. They
have two children. Their daughter is
Charlene Ellis Thorpe of Alexander
City, AL. She is married to Joe
Thorpe and they have three children,
Jody, Dina, and Donna. They have a
son, Bobby Ellis of Elba, AL. He is
married to Amanda Parker Ellis and
they have a daughter, Savannah El-
lis.

The Retired Officers' Wives Aux-
iliary will hold its monthly brunch on
February 14, 1995, at 10:30 a.m. at
the Officers' Club at Fort Rucker,
Alabama.

Membership is open to wives of all
retired military officers and all el-
igible ladies are cordially invited to
attend.

Reservations must be made for
February 10, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. to call for reservations: 347-6317; 598-4348; 774-5571; 774-0178; or 598-8153.

Retired Officers' Wives Auxiliary to meet

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met February 2, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Ann Miles with Mrs. June Thompson as co-hostess. A de-
licious plate of refreshments was served to 14 members.

Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, president, called the meeting to order and led



Those pictured, from left to right, are: Mrs. Lucille Jones, Mrs. Ann Morrow, Mrs. Jo Anne Jones, Mrs. Leigh Maddox, Mrs. Ellen Fortenberry, and Mrs. Marie Lindsey.

Mrs. Jeffery Maddox honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Mrs. Jeffery Scott Maddox, the former Leigh Ann Jones, was honored on Saturday, January 14, 1995 with a miscellaneous shower at the stately home of Mrs. Marie Lindsey on Highland Drive. Plaid bows like those used in Leigh Ann's wedding were tied to the entry doors and staircase in the Lindsey home. These were in colors of deep red, green, black, and metallic gold.

Guests called between the hours of two o'clock and half past three and were registered by Mrs. Lisa McClung. Mrs. Marie Lindsey presided over the shower. The receiving line composed of the bride, her mother, Mrs. Jo Anne Jones, her grandmother, Mrs. Ann Morrow and Mrs. Lucille Jones, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Ellen Fortenberry. Mrs. Maddox chose a deep red and green plaid dress with a gored skirt and sailor collar for this special occasion.

The dining table, covered with a Battenburg cloth, held a variety of delicious party foods for the guests to choose from. Punch was served by Miss Melissa Jones, sister of the bride. Miss Amy Driggers, cou-
sidered the maid of honor.

Hostesses were Mrs. Vivian Lee, Mrs. Pam Smith, Mrs. Jan Smith, Mrs. Susan Nunn, Mrs. Sammie Creel, Mrs. Lisa McClung, and Mrs. Marie Lindsey. They presented the bride with a vacuum cleaner for her new home.

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Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, president, called the meeting to order and led

the members in reading of the Gardner's Creed. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Catherine Spurin gave a most interesting program on "The role a Grandmother should play."

She shared with the members some thought-provoking facts. The world is changing rapidly. The role of a grandmother is always filled with wonderful moments and special memories. A grandmother's special gift is a bridge to the past. The role of a grandmother is varied, but Mrs. Spurin summarized in one quote,

"A grandmother is to laugh a lot, know when to talk, and when to listen, and let them know you love them."

Those present were: Mrs. S.F. Courtney, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Eddie Williams, Mrs. Donny, Mrs. Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Mary Lacy, Mrs. Mrs. Wilson, Newman, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Warr, Mrs. Jim Williams, and a guest speaker, Mrs. Doris Cooper.

Those present were: Mrs. Helen Brueckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Mavis Hataway, Mrs. Jan Jacobs, Mrs. Alice Lee, Mrs. Addie Bell Martin, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. June Miles, Mrs. Addileen Newman, Mrs. Myrtle Setars, Mrs. Catherine Spurin, Mrs. June Thompson, and Mrs. Irma Warr.

Mrs. Buck Smart hosts Three-In-One Study Club

The Three-In-One Study Club met February 2, 1995 at the Elba City Library. Mrs. Buck Smart served as hostess. Refreshments were served to members and a guest.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Harley Hasty moderated. She introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Linda Cooper, who gave a delightful dessert on her numerous trips made on Amtrak Rail Passenger Trains. Colorful accounts of her stop-overs and scenes as viewed from the observation cars

were interesting and educational.

The Club Collect was lead by Mrs. Jim Williams. Mrs. Connie Lowery gave a short history of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and read a beautiful valentine.

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Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Dreyery honored on Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

The Piney Woods Arts Festival is a juried show and the artist's work must be previewed before being admitted to the show, either by samples of the artist's work, pictures, or slides. The Festival Committee regulates the various categories so there will not be a preponderance of one type of craft offered. A variety of quality work is a hallmark of the festival, guaranteeing sales of the artist's work and assuring their return to the festival area again.

Special gifts were given to the county by family members and the town. We are all "Loved and Loved Together" was read in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreyery were married December 24, 1994. They have three children: Carl Dreyery of Harts, GA; Rhonda Jewel of Dothan, AL, and John Dreyery of Elba, AL. They have been blessed with five grandchildren.

For more information regarding the arts festival, call Freida at (334) 393-2663 (night and message), (334) 393-8705 (day), or Lou at (334) 347-6363 (day). Written correspondence may be sent to Piney Woods Arts Festival, P.O. Box 1032, Enterprise, Alabama 36331.

Mustard Seed Foundation holds weekly meeting

The Senior Citizens held their weekly meeting with eight members present. The members present were Zena and Evelyn Smith, Frank McCullough, and Wanda and Wimble. The helpers were Sheila Hahn and Diane Hudson. The members entertained themselves by playing

games and having fellowship with one another.

Birthday wishes go out to the following who have a birthday in February: Linda Winkles, Feb. 14; and Mary Stover, Feb. 26.

The Mustard Seed Foundation

Church is located on Coffee County

Road #221.

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Valentine Activities

by Sabrina Stokes

Valentine's Day is coming. The organizations of Zion Chapel have started their preparations for the fundraisers. The Valentine fundraisers will be hosted by the Beta Club, the PTO, and the Varsity Cheerleaders.

The Beta Club are selling messages written on cards. These messages are sold for \$5.00. On February 11, the Valentine's will be placed on a bulletin board.

The Elementary PTO will be hosting a Valentine's Dance on February 11. The dance will be held at the Zion Chapel High School Gym.

The Varsity Cheerleaders are selling valentine suckers. Messages will be written and attached to the suckers. The suckers are being sold for \$0.50. The suckers will be delivered Friday 14.

VALENTINE DANCE
Feb. 11th 7-10 p.m.
Z.C.H.S. Auditorium
\$3.00 Per Person

REBEL BASKETBALL IN REVIEW

Varsity Basketball

by Joey Arnold

Zion Chapel vs. Pleasant Home

The Rebels traveled to Pleasant Home to play Pleasant Home on Friday night. The Rebels won over Goshen, but found out that wins don't often come easily as they were clobered 66-46 by the Pleasant Home Eagles. Napoleon 10 points, Wesley Clark 10, and Kyle Granham 9. Other scorers were Derek Faulk 5, Wesley Clark 6, Shane Allen 2, Bobby Gillard 4, and Toby Bragg 5.

Lady Rebel Basketball

by Amanda Lewis

Zion Chapel vs. Pleasant Home

The Lady Rebels traveled to Pleasant Home to take on the Eagles. The Rebels were disappointed with a score of 27-61. Kim Moran turned 12 points for the Rebels. Courtney Moran added 9 points. Other scorers were Alisha Jones 5, Wesley Clark 6, Shane Allen 2, Bobby Gillard 4, and Toby Bragg 5.

Zion Chapel vs. Arton

The Arton Purplecats came into Jack looking for a win, but fell to the Rebels by a score of 32-31. The game was close all four quarters and was won by a last second shot from Wesley Clark. The Rebels leading at the half, Kyle Granham 10, Other scorers were Derek Faulk 5, Wesley Clark 6, Shane Allen 2, Bobby Gillard 4, and Toby Bragg 5.

Zion Chapel vs. McKenzie

The Rebels came back home to face the McKenzie Tigers. Although the Rebels played well, the McKenzie Lady Rebels piled on the offense in the second half, ending the game on the wrong side of a 25-28 score. Courtney Moran and Kim Moran scored 11 points. Alisha Jones, Lisa Hodges, and Susan Bryan all added 1 point for the Rebels.

Students Build Log Cabin



by Lisa Hodges

Mrs. Sutley's fourth grade recently made log cabins for an Alabama History project.

The idea was discussed in class while studying pioneer life. The children were given an activity sheet which ex-

plained how to build the log cabin using a ladder and drinking straws.

Many other creative ideas were used by some of the students. The walls of one cabin were made of pretzels and the roof of wheat straws. Some cabins were made from sticks.

The Rebels traveled to New Brockton to play the Goshen Eagles. The Rebels fell behind early, but came on strong in the second half. Unfortunately, the young Rebels were not able to close the gap and lost the game. Bruce Cole led the Rebels with 15. Other scorers were Toby Bragg 9, Derek Faulk 9, Shane Allen 2, Bobby Gillard 4, and Kyle McKinney 4.

Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

The Zion Chapel B-Team fell to the Goshen Eagles 41 to 23. The Rebels leading scorer was Bobby Gillard with 10 points. Other scorers were David Mitchell 9, Wesley Clark, Toby Bragg, Kyle Granham 3, and Joe Fullard 2.

Zion Chapel vs. Pleasant Home

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Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

The Zion Chapel B-Team fell to the Goshen Eagles by a score of 51 to 50.

The Rebels leading scorer was Toby Bragg 20. Other scorers were Wesley Clark 5, Shane Allen 4, Bobby Gillard 4, Kyle Granham 4, Bruce Cole 9, and Luke McKinney 4.

Zion Chapel vs. McKenzie

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have gotten used to Melissa being 11-years-old and have to admit that I am still a young boy; however, Melanie turned six on Saturday, and her turn is coming more often than any recent birthdays I can remember. Melanie still crawls in the sofa and watches TV, and still wants to go everywhere I go. I know that all of that won't stop just because she turned six, but the years are adding up, and before long Melanie will be like her older sister and I'll have to beg her to go with me to a game, or to the store. Can't we slow everything down, just a little?

TIGERS FIND OUT THAT HISTORY DOES REPEAT ITSELF

If the Elba Tigers had been paying close attention Friday night in Opp they would have learned that no game is over until the final horn sounds, and that basketball games last four quarters, and what happens in the first two are not as important as what happens in the last two. I bet they know it now!

The Elba Tigers bolted out to a 24-4 first quarter lead and led by 21 points at the half Saturday night. Samson but watched as the visitors came storming back and handed Elba a stunning 5-10 defeat in Elba. The Tigers looked like a team determined to make someone pay for the upset loss at Opp the night before and totally dominated Samson for two and a half quarters, then decided the game was won, and by the time they realized it wasn't, Samson had rallied and pulled out the win. It was the type of win that should give Samson a lot of confidence heading into the playoffs, and it should also help the Tigers. Elba's players now know they can come back to play two of three quarters and win, and maybe when the post-season tournament begins, the Tigers will give it all they've got all four quarters, and move on to the regionals.

The Saturday night comeback was almost a duplicate of what Elba did Friday night, as the Tigers fell behind Opp and trailed by 21 points late in the third quarter, only to rally and cut the lead to just one point before falling. The comeback should have let the Tigers know anything was possible, but then again, sometimes you have to learn the hard way.

With the win, Elba is 4-5 and the Tigers are 2-4 and set to next week's Section Tournament. Elba is still just as good as it was last week, but it defeated EA Enterprise and can still win some games and make it to the Regionals, the problem may be that the win over Enterprise made the Tigers a little too confident and made 'em forget what it took to win. Coaches will have a week to get their attention, and I'm sure we'll see a determined Tiger team when the tourney begins on Feb. 14!

AREA TEAMS ALL HAVE CHANCE AT MOVING ON

With three county teams in one Section tournament and Bentley being forced to move its tournament to Red Level, it may sound odd when I predict that any of the four teams in the coverage area have honest chances at moving on to the Regional level of play. Here's why I think so...

*BRANTLEY (7-15) has played like a team with a mission in recent weeks. Bulldogs are determined to get back to the Regionals and make a serious run at the same title. The '95 Bulldogs aren't as talented as the team that brought home the title in '93 and '94 in Class 1A, but the current edition of the Bulldogs are determined and are now playing like they want it all. Brantley is in the bracket with winless Highland Home, and two lesser opponents in Straughn and Florala making the '95 trip to Bay Minette look almost like a sure thing!

*NEW BROCKTON (14-6) has been up-and-down all season, but if the Gamecocks play four solid quarters they can play with, and defeat, most teams. The Gamecocks have skilled players inside and out, have strong rebounding, and are good shooting from behind the three-point arc. The only thing missing has been consistency that is so important when tournaments start and one loss can mean the end of the season. With what will be a fired-up army of Rebels from Zion Chapel, and the highly-rated St. Jude Pirates both standing in their way, the Gamecocks will have to play four of their best quarters in a game to have a chance at advancing.

*ZION CHAPEL (7-11) has found out how much fun it is to win and the Rebels are really having fun in recent weeks and have begun piling up the wins. Zion Chapel has two players in Napoleon Smith and Joey Horber, and a three-point threat in Brian Rowe. At the conference level at an all-time high, these Rebels might just be convinced they can make it to Regionals. The Rebels will have to play their best to get past New Brockton and St. Jude, but there will be no pressure on the Rebels as one expects them to win either game. These guys could make it interesting.

*KINSTON (7-15) has struggled all season and will have nothing to do with the Section 3 tourney in Montgomery. The Bulldogs' record may not show how well things have gone, but they can play with any team on any given night and have been pulling off New Brockton at the Gamecocks' own gym. Kinston is much better than many people think and the Bulldogs will be playing for fun in next week's event, with no pressure at all to win. St. Jude will be looking to 'bust the clock' against the Bulldogs, but if Kinston plays its game, it could be a lot closer than you'd think.

NEW SECTION TOURNAMENTS FAR FROM PERFECT

The Alabama High School Athletic Association changed the format of the basketball playoffs back in the spring, and with the playoffs less than a week away, there are still plenty of bugs in the new and supposedly improved system. There are some "Sections," like the one Elba is in, that doesn't really cause any hardships on anybody; however, Kinston, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Arton, G.W. Long, Houston Academy and Coe Springs will make the long trip to Montgomery next week because Elba finds that the Section 3 tourney in the Class 1A, Section 3, and got to host the tournament. St. Jude does have a 20-6 record and has an excellent team, but the Pirates didn't play any of the teams in Section 3, with the exception of Montgomery County, and their record really means nothing as far as seed being concerned. Next year the teams in the Sections will have to schedule each other, and while that will make it easier to seed teams, it will just mean more travel for teams that can afford it least (small schools). Now, let's look at Class 2A, Section 2, where Brantley, Elba, and Straughn, Florala, Goshen, Georgiana, Red Level and Samson are competing for a spot in the "Regional" tournament. The schools are close enough as far as the Section 3 tourney, the two winners will then have to travel to Bay Minette's Faulkner State Community College, in Bay Minette, to compete in the Regionals. All of the schools in the Section are within an hour of Troy State, but must instead head south, as the schools and their fans will have to spend a lot

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Sports

Elba drops to 5-8 on season with loss

Late rally falls short in 74-71 loss



Elba's Alfred Purvis (40) dribbles between the legs during a recent Tiger win. Purvis scored 32 points in two games last week, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers dropped both games.

Elba blows 21-point lead in 75-68 defeat to Samson

The Elba Tigers blew a 21-point halftime lead Saturday night as the Samson Tigers staged a frantic second half rally to pull out a 75-68 win in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-10 while Samson improved to 14-6 with wins.

The game got off to a slow start as Elba owned a 7-2 lead with only 3:34 left in the opening stanza; however, the Tigers used their quickness on both ends of the court and the scoring punch of Alfred Purvis and Leray Smedley to close the gap to 12-10 in the second run and by the end of the quarter was in complete command 24-4.

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Sterling Jones scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Finch led Samson with 11.

Samson (75): Cartelope 2, Jarrett 19, Farris 2, Bass 12, Nunn 14, Mock 8, Donaldson 4, Rials 13.

Elba (68): Smedley 11, Tyson 2, Jewell 3, Yelland 3, Stoudemire 7, Stanley 6.

(B GAME)

The Elba team claimed its second straight win by clubbing Samson 50-43.

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Boys' and girls' teams to compete**Elba to host Class 3A, Section 3 tourney**

The Elba High School gym will be the place to be next week for area 3A basketball fans as the Elba Tigers host the Class 3A, Section 3, regional tournament for both boys' and girls' basketball.

The Boys' Division will begin play on Tuesday night, Feb. 14, when the Rebels meet the Luverne Tigers, at 6:30, while Elba will swing into action at 8:00 when the Tigers host the Slocumb Red Tops. Luverne will meet the Rehobeth-Luverne winner on Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:00, and on Friday night,

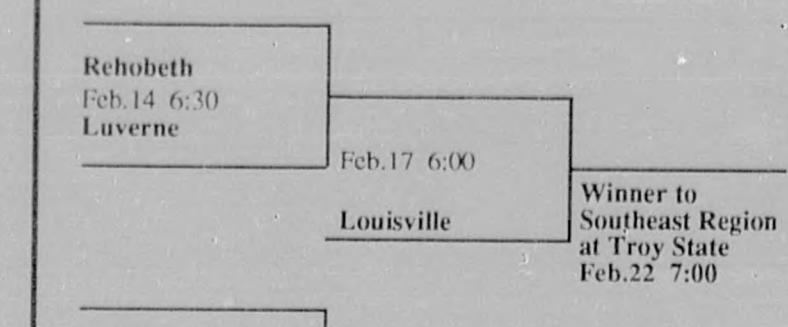
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The winners of Friday's games will both advance to the Southeast Regionals set for the Southeast Regionals.

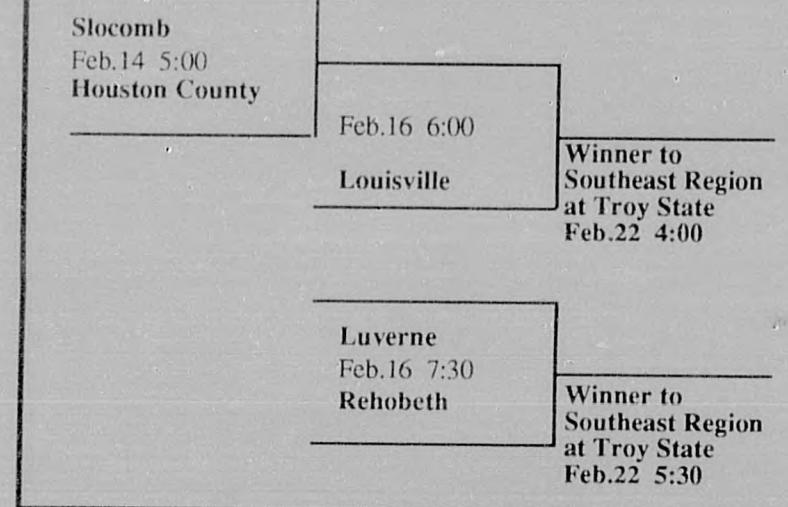
The Louisville Red Devils, the state's #2 ranked team in 3A, are a heavy favorite heading into the event and have been one of the top teams in South Alabama regardless of classification. The Devils boast wins over 6A teams Dothan, Ozark and Enterprise, and are considered a threat for the state title.

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**Brantley is heavy favorite
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The Class 2A, Section 2, Boys' Tournament will be held in Red Level and should resemble a family reunion as old rivals are set to meet in almost every single game in both rounds.

The tournament will begin on Saturday, Feb. 11, when the top-seeded Brantley Bulldogs will hit the court against the winless Highland Home Flying Squadron. At 5:30, the Flying Tigers and Highland Home Wildcats will tangle with the Bulldogs in the first semi's, to be followed at 7:00 with the matchup between the Goshen Eagles and the Georgiaans.

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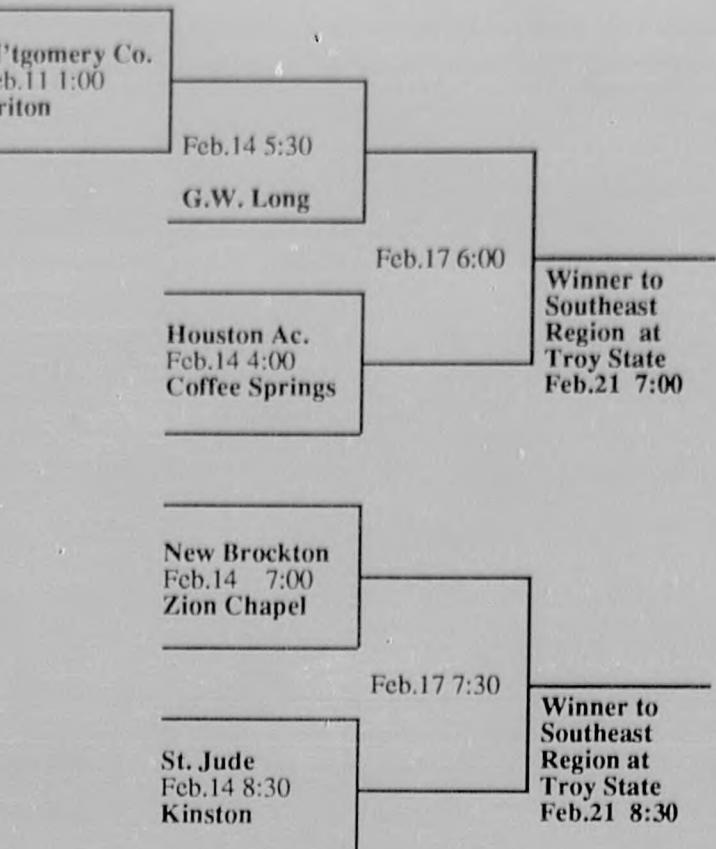
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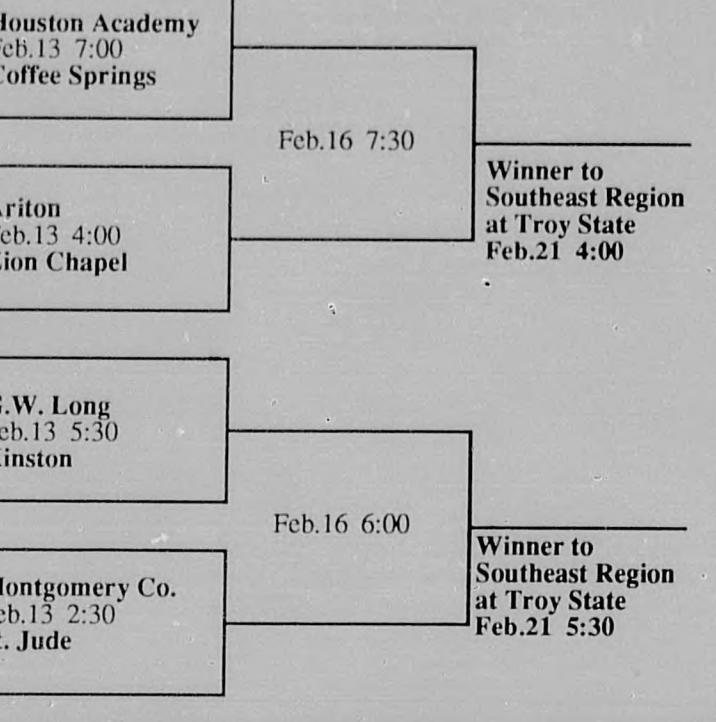
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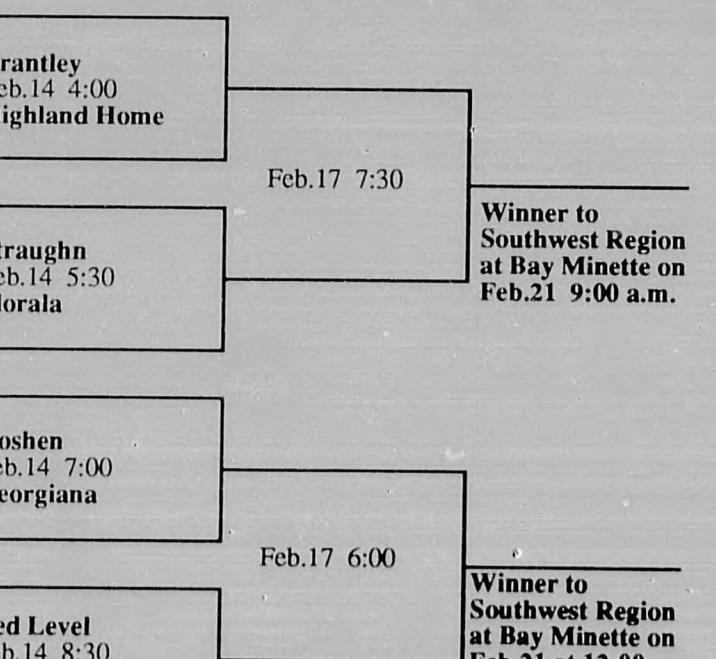
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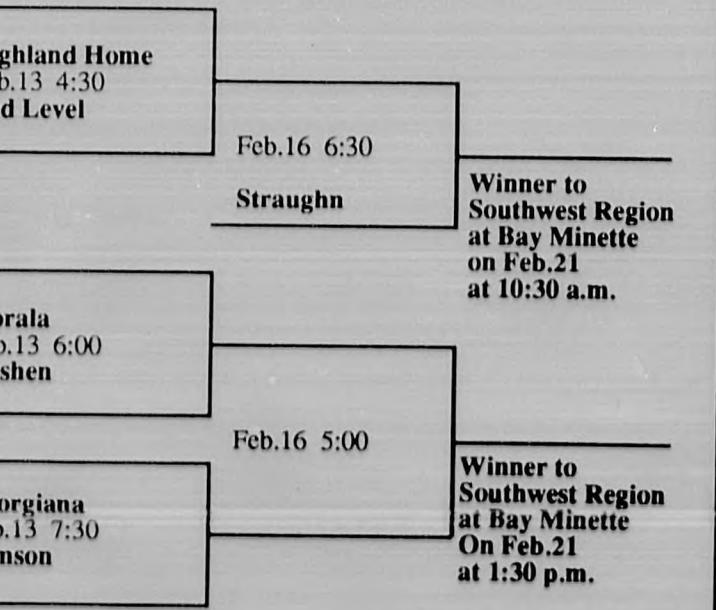
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Minister Ned Young smiled but didn't deny his partner's statement.

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(Linda Dillon) for any work done on the Community Development Block Grant. The board has applied for a grant fund work on the town's sewer system. The engineering firm, Ewing Conner & Associates, had recommended that the clerk, if at all possible, should coordinate the grant should it be received.

***Approved the purchase of a pick-up truck, at a cost of \$3,000 or

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Farmers Federation, Sessions Company, W. G. Mercer Livestock and The Peoples Bank.

Media honored for their coverage of the annual event included: *The Enterprise Ledger*, *The Elba Clipper*, *Southwest Sun*, *The Dothan Eagle*, *WZTR-FM*, *WBAL*, *WKMX*, *US 100*, *WTWV*, and *WSEF*.

Special recognition was given to Gene Reagan, *WTWV*'s farm consultant, who has, through the years, helped promote this event, as well as many, many other agricultural events in the Wiregrass area.

Shown here, Coffee County participants in the 1995 Wiregrass Leadership Training plan their county project during a retreat recently at Blue Lake Camp. They are (from left to right) David Bailey, Stan Windham, Buddy Hall, Mart Gray (WLI alumni member), Mike Root, and Carolyn Palo-Dobaczynski.

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COMMISSIONERS LOOKING AT FISH POND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS

Coffee County Commission gives old jail to Elba

by Marvin McLain
Editor

Home Church. Pool noted that this is the third time that this particular land are involved, one being the jail property and the other being where the commissioners of human resources are located to be before it was destroyed by fire.

After several minutes of discussion, the vote was called for Black and Commissioners Stephens, Black, Bill Faulk, and Randy Lunsford voted to give the jail to Elba Commissioners Hanson, Lawrence Creel and Bennett. Pool said the opposing votes.

Ownership of oil DHR property, which has a small storage building on it, was retained by the commissioners.

After eight years of service to the commission, Pool made his final appearance. The People's Bank of Elba, County Engineer Mark Pool made his final appearance on the second floor of the two-story facility and rose several feet into the second floor.

The more than eighty-year-old jail was recommended after the flood of March 1990 and a condemned jail was built in New Brockton. Flood waters completely covered the bottom floor of the two-story facility and rose several feet into the second floor.

The old jail was the subject of numerous lawsuits in the '70s and '80s, most of them initiated by prisoners who complained that the conditions of the isolated prisoners constitutional rights.

In a resolution passed by the commissioners, Pool's "leadership" in helping to get the old jail removed after the flood was cited.

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He said it's not fair for county taxpayers to have to foot the bill for repairing county roads washed out by privately owned fish ponds.

After Commissioner Black's suggestion that State Representative Gareth Moore and Senator Dwight Adkins support the proposal, the commissioners voted to file a bill with the legislature to set regulations for fish ponds in Coffee County.

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